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COMPLETE TOTALLY MECHANIZED PLANT;  
NEW ZIM CAR IN PRODUCTION.

'FIRST OF ITS KIND' -- Moscow, Trud, 27 Dec 50

The Moscow machine-tool building plants have completed installations for a new, totally mechanized plant for the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry, the first of its kind in the world.

In this plant, the only tasks performed by workers will consist of preparing the complex lines of machine tools for work and controlling their operations. A metal ingot, placed in a casting machine, will be shaped automatically and then moved from one machine tool to another, passing through the whole gamut of operations without being touched by a human hand. Even the quality of the product will be checked by special machines. An automatic signalling system will give immediate warning of any trouble.

Production will be increased many times and the quality of the product will be superior. The casting machine alone will replace 25 skilled men.

GOR'KIY AUTO PLANT CUTS PRODUCTION TIME -- Moscow, Kraznaya Zvezda, 30 Dec 50

The Gor'kiy Automobile Plant imeni Molotov has begun mass production of the new ZIM passenger car.

In 1950, the plant reduced the time required to produce a GAZ-51 truck by 22 hours and that for a Pobeda car by 44 hours.

ALL PLANNED TYPES PRODUCED -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 29 Dec 50

The Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin has completed its five-year plan. All types of vehicles scheduled for production during the 5 years are now coming off the lines. These include the ZIS-110 passenger car, the ZIS-150 and ZIS-151 trucks, and the ZIS-154 and ZIS-155 buses.

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**SUBSIDIARY OF MOSCOW AUTO PLANT A SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 19 Dec 50**

The Moscow Aggregate Plant, a subsidiary of the Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin, produces pistons, tools, and lifting jacks for the ZIS and Moskvich automobiles. It is a thriving plant and in the last year of the Five-Year Plan, in particular, achieved notable successes. Its production volume increased 10 times that of 1946; labor productivity increased  $7\frac{1}{2}$  times; rejects were reduced 5 times. All workers are meeting or exceeding the norm. In December, all the shops became Stakhanovite.

**MINSK SENDS TRUCKS TO VOLGA-DON PROJECT -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 3 Jan 51**

The Minsk Automobile Plant has dispatched hundreds of MAZ-205 dump trucks to the Volga-Don Canal construction project.

**TRUCKS FOR KUYBYSHEV HYDRO PROJECT -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 12 Jan 51**

The Ural Automobile Plant imeni Stalin rolled a large number of trucks from its main conveyor to start the new year. Twenty of these were dispatched to the Kuybyshev hydroelectric construction project.

**DESCRIBE 1 TA TRACTOR -- Moscow, Traktor ASKhtZ-NATI, 50**

The STZ-NATI tractor, first put out by the Stalingrad Tractor Plant, launched the mass production of Soviet-designed tractors. At present, Model 1 TA of the ASKhtZ-NATI tractor, produced at the Altay, Khar'kov and Stalingrad plants, is the most widely used in the USSR. This tractor has undergone many modifications over a number of years, and this precluded in many instances the interchangeability of parts in the earlier models.

[Source, a 179-page book, contains a full description of Model 1 TA, pointing out the divergence in the design of various parts from those of earlier models; it includes detailed instructions on care and maintenance.]

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**BEARING PLANT INSTALLS CONVEYER LINE -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 12 Jan 51**

The Moscow First State Bearing Plant imeni L. M. Kaganovich has installed a conveyor line for machining ball-bearing races on semiautomatic lathes.

**BICYCLE PLANT WANTS SUGGESTIONS FOR DECORATION -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 12 Jan 51**

To improve the appearance and finish of its bicycles, the Khar'kov Bicycle Plant announces open competition for painting and decoration schemes. First prize - 5,000 rubles; second prize - 2,000 rubles; third prize - 2,000 rubles. -- Advertisement.

**SELLS CARS TO BELORUSSIAN WORKERS -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 14 Jan 51**

In 1950, the Minsk specialized store of Glavavtotraktorosbyt sold to Belorussian workers about 480 Moskvich cars, 208 motorcycles, and more than 1,700 bicycles.

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